

**Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine
Defenders' Day Weekend Schedule**

** ALL TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER **

Saturday, September 10, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. Roll calls, inspections in camps.
- 10:00 a.m. Dress parade in fort, 30' X 42' flag is raised. (weather permitting)
- 11:00 a.m. Defend the Battery! Ongoing cannon-firing demonstrations at the Water Battery.
- 12:00 noon Children's talk "Twas the Night Before Francis Scott Key wrote a new Song" by Author Timothy Penland.
- 12:20 p.m. "The War in the Chesapeake!" A talk about British raids in the Bay by author/historian Chris George
- 1:00 p.m. "What stirring Music!" - Fife & Drum concert in the fort.
- 2:00 p.m. "The Sounds of Battle!" See how land battles were fought in the War of 1812. Come and watch reenactors fire cannons and muskets and simulate battle tactics from the early 1800s. Tactical – (program area)
- 3:00 p.m. Children's talk "Twas the Night Before Francis Scott Key wrote a new Song" by Author Timothy Penland.
- 3:30 p.m. Defend the Battery! Ongoing cannon and musket firing demonstrations at the Water Battery
- 4:30 p.m. "What stirring Music!" - Fife & Drum concert in the fort – half-hour program also involves flag change and **closure of the fort by 4:45 p.m.**
- 5:00 p.m. "What Was the War of 1812? – Power point presentation about the issues and causes Of the War of 1812. (Visitor Center)

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for the highlight of the weekend! The grand evening program!

(Grounds outside Fort) FREE

Celebrate Baltimore's oldest holiday in grand style as we commemorate the 197th anniversary of the successful defense of the city from British attack and the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," our national anthem. **This memorable program is free!** Visitors are invited to bring coolers and lawn chairs to watch the spectacular celebration. The "big show" includes:

- * Musket and Cannon firing tactical demonstration by War of 1812 reenactors

- * Concert by the U.S. Naval Academy Band ending with the "1812 Overture!"

- * Symbolic Ship-to-Shore Bombardment – watch the cannons of the fort fire down the river as pyrotechnic "bombs" explode over the fort

- * Huge 30-minute Firework Show!

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Sunday, September 11, 2011

- 10:00 a.m. Flag raising and dress parade in the star fort. Memorial wreath-laying for 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001.
- 10:40 a.m. – noon Defend the Battery! - on-going cannon and musket-firing demonstrations at the Water Battery
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Defend the Battery! - on-going cannon and musket-firing demonstrations at the Water Battery
- 2:30 p.m. Military review in the fort and lowering of the 30'X42' flag.
- 3:00 p.m. Event ends.